AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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Hello,

I'm very happy to say that at long last I have a permanent office. It's not quite as plush as the Brook Street office, but it is very homely, although at the moment it looks just like a bomb's hit it with all the mail.

We're not the only fan club running from 56 Old Compton Street. Georgie Fame' fan club is also based here and is run very efficiently by Jackie Tibbs.

Before I go on any further, I would like to apologise to all of you who haven't yet received replies to your letters, but I've been away on holiday and the mail has just piled up. We now have nearly 7,000 members and the club is still growing.

A lot of you have written asking whether it is O.K. to come and visit the club. Well of course it is! I look forward to your visits, as It's nice being able to put faces to names and numbers! By the way I don't work at the office at weekends - that's for the benefit of some poor souls who might come trudging up on a Saturday to see me.

Several girls have been up helping write out the envelopes for your newsletters and I'd like to say a sincere thanks to all of them. So Susan Venables, Lesley Wood, Kay Forster, Nicky and Jayne, take a bow!

Every time I send out a newsletter, with what I think, are the correct dates for performances, somebody always seems to ring up just afterwards and says "By the way, such-and-such a date has been changed" - and so it goes on! Anyway, last time I asked about the boys plans, I was given the following:

SEPTEMBER

The boys will come back from the States and do some more recording and filming for various T.V. shows.

OCTOBER (proposed dates)

6th	Hague Holland	12th Oct	T.V. Copenhagen
7th	T.V. Amsterdam	13,14,15th	T.V. Austria
8th	T.V. Bremen, Germany		
10th	Stockholm (2 shows)		
11	Copenhagen "		

The Bee Gees new found group Marbles will be appearing with them on 8th and 13,14,15th October.

The last two weeks in October, it is thought, that the boys will be writing the film music for a comedy. They will also write songs which will be sung in the film.

Oct. 31st Bremen, Germany, this opens the boys German tour. For all our foreign members I am listing the dates below:

November	2nd	Hamburg, Ernst Merck Halle,
"	4th	Munster, Halle Munstertane
"	5th	Koln, Sporthalle,
"	6th	Essen, Grughalle

Nov.	8th	Stuttgart Killesbergh-Halle
"	10th	Wien Stadthalle
"	11th	Innsbruck Olympia Stadon
"	13th	Bochum, Ruhrlandhalle
"	14th	Dusseldorf Kongrebhalle
"	16th	Braunschweig Stadhalle
"	18th	Munchen Deutches Museum
"	19th	Nurnberg Meistersingerhalle

Between 19th and 26th the boys will be making appearances in France, Switzerland and Italy

"	26th	Wiesbaden Rhein-Meirn-Halle
"	27th	Frankfurt Jahrhunderthalle
"	28th	Freiburg Stadthalle
"	29th	Karlsruhe Schwarzwaldhalle
"	30th	Ulm Donauhalle

DECEMBER

First two weeks they return to France and Switzerland for some more T.V. dates. And then, they hope to start filming for 'Lord Kitcheners Little Drummer Boys".

Oh, by the way, there is a possability of a London concert during September. Keep your fingers crossed!

Robin has asked me to thank you for all the wonderful get-well cards and presents he received. Two sackfuls were waiting on his door-step when he returned from the nursing home. You can imagine the suprise he had.

Although Vince and Barry have not been able to see all the cards and presents that have been sent to them for their birthdays, I am sure they would like me to thank you. Some enormous parcels have been arriving at the office and I can't wait for them come back and open them. They say curiosity killed the cat - well, by rightsI should be dead by now!

It just looks like the boys will make it. With their record I mena. It's marvellous about them being No.1 in the Radio One charts, let's hope they make it all round.

As you know their L.P. 'Idea' will be out in a week's time. I have heard this record and it is truly beautiful. Each time I say that they will never be able to do better than their current record, but each time they prove they can. Here is a list of the tracks and singers on this fantastic album.

SIDE ONE

Let There Be Love (Barry and Robin)
Kitty Can (Maurice and Barry)
In The Summer Of His Years (Robin)
Indian Gin & Whisky Dry (Robin)
Down To Earth (Robin)
Such A Shame (Vince & Maurice) at last!

SIDE ONE

Idea (Barry)
When The Swallow Flies (Robin & Barry)
I'm Going To Join The Air Force (Barry & Robin)
I Started A Joke (Robin)
Kilburn Towers (Barry)
Swan Song (Barry)

This album has some unusual songs for the boys. Kilburn Towers is a Bossanova type number, really beautiful. Idea is very beaty. Those of you who saw the Bee Gees in 'Frankie Howerd Show' will of course already of heard Let There Be Love' and 'I Started A Joke' - and I am sure you like them. My favourite from the album is Kilburn Towers.

RENEWAL You know whatthat means! Those of you who still wish to remain in the fan club after 1st September should send another 5/- P.O. plus your membership card to the office, (don't forget the new address). If you renew, you will receive a four-sided booklet of recent shots of the boys. Please send your money in before September 10th. And by the way, if you joined the club after March of this year, then you're not asked to re-join until September 1969. But you DO receive the booklet.

You'll be pleased to know the Bee Gees first album of sheet music has now been released, with a fabulous colour photo of the group on the front cover and plenty of pin-up size pictures of the boys on separate pages throughout the album. The album contains words and music of some of the Bee Gees greatest hits, including, Massachusetts, World, To Love Someboyd, New York Mining Disaster 1941, Holiday, Words, etc. etc., If you can't wait a few days you can buy this album in the shops for 7/6d, or as members of the fan club you can have your copy straight from the Publishers for 6/6d. post paid. All you have to do is send a P.O. for 6/6d direct to me (made payable to Robert Stigwood Organisation Ltd), don't forget to enclose your name and address and you will receive a copy of this wonderful album within a few days. This offer closes on the 31st October, 1968.

When I was first planning this newsletter, I had the idea of doing a profile on each member of the Bee Gees, owing mainly to the fact that so many of you have written in, wanting to know what they're really like. However, at the moment they are still in the States, so I thought it would be nice to get the wives' points of view on Vince and Colin.

In the next newsletter I will try and get Mrs Gibb to tell us a bit about her three boys. And then, in the Christmas newsletter, we will have the boys talking about themselves. The results of which could be very interesting!!!

First I spoke to Dianne about Vince.

"It's very hard for me to describe Vince. Perhaps because I'm so close to him. I suppose he's soft-natured - sometimes (I think) too much so. Easily, his best quality is thoughtfulness. He always remembers to buy small presents for friends - and I know they appreciate it. And, well, I never have to worry about anniversaries or birthdays because he just remembers."

Seeing as we touched on the subject of anniversaries I decided to ask Dainne where she first met Vince.

"Oh gosh...it was so long ago! I remember now, it was at a holiday resort called The Entrance. I was only fifteen at the time and Vince nearly 17. Vince was playing in a group and I was on holiday. Gee, when I think it was five or six years ago now..! We got engaged about two years later and then were married on 1st October, 1966. We had quite a big wedding in a place called Cronulla. I had a long white satin dress, and a bouquet of gladiola roses."

Dianne who is five foot nothing, with short cropped hair and a warm smile, scratched her head again as she returned to the qualities of Vince. And the question was, does he ever have a bad temper?

"The only time I see him get annoyed", she said, "is when he finds people are insincere. This really annoys him - maybe because he's so sincere himself. He's quite a placid person, but of course he's human, and does blow up now and again.

The only way Dianne thinks her husband has changed over the years is that he's grown-up a lot.

"Since we married, he's learned to accept responsibility. I know he'd love to go back to Australia because he's a family man and he really misses his family. But he knows that England is the place to be if you're a musician. And he lives for music".

What did Dianne think Vince would be if he weren't a guitarist?

"Oh gee, you'll probably laugh! I think he would be an accountant - he loves juggling with figures. The medicine bit you read about in the papers was not Vince's idea. His father wanted him to be a doctor, but that was

not what Vince wanted.

"I really can't tell you anymore. I know what I feel for him, but it's hard to explain to someone else".

And as afitting end, Joanne came in with this remark about Vince:

"I consider it a great privilege to be one of Vince's friends, as he will always go out of his way to help you and he is such a sincere person."

Then I got Joanne, Colin's new wife, to talk about her husband.

"I think it's easier for me to talk about Colin as I'm still finding out new things every day. In a lot of respects, I think he is like Vince, especially where sincerity is concerned, towards his friends. If he likes a person he will go out of his way to help them; but if he doesn't like them, then he doesn't make any false pretences. He is a very good judge of people.

"He's quite a serious person, That doesn't mean to say he hasn't a sense of humour - when he gets going he is hilarious, but a bit dry. The main thing in his life - as everyone knows, is cars. One thing that annoys Colin is when people say how much they love American cars - he thinks they are such ugly things. Another touchy subject with Colin is single mindedness in music. He thinks the only way to find out about music is to listen to all types.

I asked Joanne if anything annoyed her about Colin.

"I'm sure I could think of lots of annoying things about him, but the main one is when I rush home to cook an elaborate meal and he looks down at it, and says he'd just prefer steak! That's his favourite dish! They say the way to a man's heart is through his tomach, and I think with Colin this is true."

"He's quite a domesticated person and always helps me with the chores".

"I think if he wasn't in a pop group, he would like to go back to films. But then, if he couldn't be ANYTHING in the entertainment field, I'm sure he would become an interior decorator. He's designed most of our home, nd it's great!

"If I had to describe him in a few words, I would say, very down-to-earth, good-natured, and considerate".

SNIPPETS:

Barry's dog called Smanatha...Maurice's Justa...Robin painting his piano red and white...the boys got 13 curtain calls for an American date - manager of theatre said that they had greater popularity than the Beatles...Maurice.. moved to large house in Belgravia...Colin and Vince now wine connorsseurs.. Barry and Robin now have movie equipment...Robin's cello now fire-wood.. Andy Gibb had his first stage debut in Frankie Howerd Meets The Bee Gees... Robin collecting old paintings.

I'm sorry there is not much news about the boys, but believe me it really hard to find out things when they are not in England. I hope the next newsletter will be a little more informative than this one.

See you in October!

Cheerio!

Julie